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Essay #3 Due 10/17  
Write 3-5 Page Essay based on the following question: (Topic) Describe Colonial American life. (Thesis) What most contributed to the American Revolution? (Mapping Sentences, 3 Body Paragraphs) Explain how this factor shaped the atmosphere of the Revolutionary Era. Conclude your essay by explaining how revolution shaped the American way of thinking.

In the Colonial American Life, there were many conflicts and struggles between the colonists and the British. The colonists had little freedom from the British and parliament with many taxes put upon them. The American Revolution was a major event in U.S. History because it gave the colonies their freedom. A key person in this battle was George Washington, the first U.S. President. He was an important figure who gave the colonists inspiration. The war was mainly fought between the British and the Colonies. The French later helped the colonies which helped to defeat the British. This conflict was due to many key events that led up to the outbreak of the war. The key events in the order that it occurred were many, ranging from the stamp act to the Townsend acts. The most important or biggest cause to the American Revolution was the Boston Tea Party act. The Boston Tea party outraged the British. The event was a win for the colonists at the time and was a major event in U.S. History. In today’s government, the Tea Party has been reborn with many of its key ideas being the concern of the citizens. This shows how this act is still very important to American life and its impact on the American people now and during the 1700’s. Due to this party and the people that conducted and participated in this cause had brought about the American Revolution.

On December 16, 1773, a crisis occurred. In Boston, the arrival of three tea ships ignited a furious reaction. Nearly 7,000 agitated locals milled about the wharf where the ships were docked. They demanded a force release of the ships out of the harbor. However, this demand was not met because the Collector of Customs refused to allow the ships to leave without payment of duty. Due to this, nearly 200 men, disguised as Indians, marched to the ships and dumped their offending cargos of tea into the harbor waters. They had dumped nearly 342 cases of tea into the harbor. This event was called the Boston tea party. Most colonists agreed with this event but the British did not agree. In March 1774 Parliament passed the intolerable acts in outrage of this event which closed the Boston port. The British sent four regiments and sent Governor General Thomas Gage to enforce the closing of the port. They also charged the colonists for all the tea they had dumped overboard. Due to this, it led directly to the explosion of the American Independence. The Boston Tea Party became the main cause of the American Revolution.

Many of the English and especially the King at the time of the British were outraged. They saw that the Boston Tea Party act was the last straw and a sense of retaliation against British law. The king could no longer deal with the colonists with peaceful acts, rather now he was more hostile. This made the relations between the Colonists and British more intense. Due to the closing of the Boston port was an outrage from both sides, one, the British was outraged of the Boston Tea Party and second, the colonists were outraged that the British closed the port. There was no argument that the Boston Party opened up a whole new era in American History and it was to form independence from England. Most important was that there were a total of three events that related to the Boston tea party. First, was the Tea party itself, second Franklin’s roasting in parliament and then the closing of the Boston Harbor. All three, especially the Tea party were cause in which had harden positions on both sides of the Atlantic. Both sides could no longer work together. They were both fading away from each other and the conflicts were at the highest point that it could be.

The Boston Tea Party was the last major conflict before the outbreak of the American Revolution. So, it was the major cause to the American Revolution. However, there were many other minor causes that led to the break of the American Revolution before the Boston Tea Party. One of the first conflicts between the Colonies and the British was the Stamp Act (1765). In this act, the British targeted colonial home businesses. The colonists were outraged by this because they had put a tariff on their goods. This was a way for the British to benefit by receiving tax money to pay for their lost money due to the French and Indian War. Most of the acts were needed in order for the British to benefit through taxing. An act in which the colonists rebelled was the Townsend acts (1767) where the colonists attacked, tar and feathered a helpless tax collector. Lastly, and most important was the Boston Tea Party which occurred in 1773. This event insulted the British the most which made this event the biggest cause to the American Revolution. So in the end this event was an important event in today’s U.S. History because it was a main cause to the American Revolution.

In the end, the American Revolution was caused by several minor events but the Boston Tea Party being one of the major ones. The American Revolution was a major effort that was needed for both sides especially in the colonies. No longer could they coexist together and work as one nation because there were too many conflicts between the two. Due to the American Revolution it had changed the American way of life. The American way of thinking had changed due to the Revolution because they thought more independently. No longer did they rely on the ideas of the British and the laws that were given by the British. Now, they were an independent nation dependent on their own freedom, knowledge, and declaration. They were called Americans now and depended on the idea that they were free and that freedom was the main purpose of life. The Nation had evolved greatly from the time of the Revolution because now the Nation has a lot of control and prosperity and even newer ideas. Most important is that our nation is very independent and equally works together with other country’s to meet each other’s needs with peaceful means; one being the British. The revolution was a revolution rather than a reaction or reform because it was a well planned event that focused on an overthrow. It was more than a reaction and a reform. The American Revolution was a struggle on both sides but, the colonists had greatly benefited from the outcome of the Revolution.